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SUBJ: ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
DEVELOPMENT (CSTD)

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1. CSTD HELD ITS FIRST SESSION IN NEW YORK FROM MARCH 12-
31,1973.

2. THE SESSION FOCUSED ON THE QUESTION OF QUANTIFICATION
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT.
THE LDC' S INTRODUCED A PROPOSED REVISION TO THE TEXT OF THE
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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, A DOCUMENT ADOPTED BY
THE UN IN 1970 TO GUIDE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN THIS DECADE.
THE PROPOSED REVISION INCLUDED QUANTIFIED TARGETS AS
FOLLOWS: (1) THE LDC' S WILL INCREASE THEIR EXPENDITURES
ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO ATTAIN BY THE END OF THE DE-
CADE A LEVEL EQUAL TO 1 PERCENT OF THEIR GNP; (2) THE DC' S
WILL INCREASE THEIR FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO A LEVEL EQUAL TO 0.05 PERCENT OF THEIR GNP BY THE MIDDLE OF THE DECADE; AND, (3) THE DC' S WILL REACH BY THE END OF THE DECADE A TARGET OF 10 PERCENT OF THEIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE EARMARKED FOR THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. THE US AND OTHER DC' S STRONGLY OPPOSED THE CONCEPT OF

QUANTIFIED TARGETS. THE DEBATE CENTERED ON TARGET (3). DC' S POINTED OUT THAT THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURE IN THEIR COUNTRIES IS A COMPLEX COMBINATION OF GOVERNMENTAL, ACADEMIC, AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND THAT, GIVEN THIS STRUCTURE, IT IS DIFFICULT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TO QUANTIFY WHAT PERCENTAGE OF R& D IS DIRECTED TOWARD PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. NEVERTHELESS, THE LDC' S PUSHED THE ISSUE TO A VOTE AND THEIR PROPOSAL WAS ADOPTED ALTHOUGH EVERY DC VOTED AGAINST OR, IN THE CASE OF THE EAST EUROPEANS, ABSTAINED.

4. AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE TARGET ISSUE, A US- SPONSORED RESOLUTION WAS ALSO ADOPTED CALLING ON THE SYG TO CONVENE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT GROUP TO STUDY THE DEFINITION AND CRITERIA FOR TARGETS AND TO CLARIFY THE QUANTIFICATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES.

5. BY NOTE DATED MAY 2, THE UN HAS ASKED CSTD MEMBERS TO IDENTIFY THE EXPERT CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THEIR COUNTRIES ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT GROUP. THE US IS INFORMING THE UN THAT MR. DAVID BECKLER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WILL REPRESENT THE US. MR. BECKLER IS A CHEMICAL ENGINEER, A PATENT ATTORNEY, AND HAS BROAD EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT MR. BECKLER WILL BE THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EXPERT GROUP MEETING. IN ADDITION, POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO EXPRESS US BELIEF THAT COMPETENT SCIENTIFIC/ TECHNICAL REPRESENTATION AT MEETING IS NECESSARY FOR MEANINGFUL TECHNICAL DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OF QUANTIFICATION OF S& T ACTIVITIES AND PROPOSED TARGETS. ACCORDINGLY, WE HOPE THAT COUNTRIES DECIDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPERT GROUP MEETING WILL CHOOSE SCIENTISTS OR SCIENCE POLICYMAKERS TO REPRESENT THEM.

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